THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Mr. Stephen Solarz U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Asian Pacific Affairs of the House Foreign Relations Committee accompanied by Mr. Theodore Weiss and their staff members Dawn Clabia, Arch Roberts, Peter Galbraith and First Secretary of the US Embassy Mr. Walter Alderson visited Amritsar and Chandigarh on 17.1.89. According to the Ministry of External Affairs the US Congress men on their visit to India had expressed an interest in visiting Punjab and, therefore, their visit to Punjab was arranged. During the visit the US delegation met some Akali leaders at Amritsar and during discussions the questions of entry of police into the Golden Temple and non-acceptance of Anandpur Sahib Resolution by the Government were raised by the Akali leaders.

Formulation of a Plan to Finance Women Entrepreneurs

1708. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a Plan for financing women entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that banks extend credit to women entrepreneurs as part of their priority sector lending programme. In terms of Reserve Bank of India's guidelines advances by way of term loans to professional and self-employed persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs are sanctioned at the rate of interest of 13.5 per cent per annum and other than term loans at the rate of interest of 14 per cent per annum. Women entrepreneurs like any other borrowers may seek financial assistance for any viable productive endeavour from the banks.

Issue of Licences for the Imports of Vitamins B1 and B2 etc.

1709. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy in regard to import of Vitamin B1 Vitamin B2 Tetracycline and Rifampicin;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued import licences to certain parties for their imports;

(c) if so, what are the names of the parties along with the quantity and value for which each licence was issued for each drug to each party during the last two years, year-wise;

(d) what was the category of import licence issued;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry allowed permission for the sale of these bulk drugs;

(f) if so, what are the names of the parties to whom such permission was granted;

(g) what was the average CIF price of each drug and at what price each drug was sold;

(h) whether there is any application pending for grant of licence for any of these drugs; and